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PRESIDENT CASSELL: We will now have the Committee begin with the roll call.

MR. SCHRAG: Point of order, Mr. President. Prayer precedes the roll call in the order of business under Rule 6.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We have not officially begun the Convention. We have not been having priorities yet. If you would like to have it, we should have it. The Convention begins next week, so we could have a moment of silent prayer.

Order, please.

Delegate Schrag has reminded us that when we begin the Convention, there is a moment of silent prayer. We could have that moment now, with respect to Mr. Schrag's request.

(Pause.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Roll call.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Baldwin?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Barnes?

MR. BARNES: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Blount?

MR. SCHRAG: He is out in the hallway.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Blount?

MR. BLOUNT: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Bruning?

MR. BRUNING: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Cassell?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Clark?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Coates?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Cooper -- present.

Delegate Corn?

MS. CORN: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Croft?

MR. CROFT: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Eichorn?

MS. EICHORN: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Fuchs?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Freeman?

MS. FREEMAN: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Garbutt?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Graham?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Harris?

MS. HARRIS: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Holmes?

MS. HOLMES: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Jackson?

MR. JACKSON: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Johnson?

MS. JOHNSON: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Jones?

MS. JONES: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Jordan?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Kameny?

MR. KAMENY: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Lockridge?

MS. LOCKRIDGE: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Long?

MR. LONG: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Love?

MR. LOVE: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate McGuire?

MR. MCGUIRE: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Hancock?

MR. MARCUS: Good afternoon.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Charles Mason?

MR. MASON: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Hilda Mason?

MS. MASON: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Brian Moore?

MR. B. MOORE: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Jerry Moore?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Talmadge Moore?

MR. T. MOORE: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Nahikian?

MR. NAHIKIAN: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Nixon?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Olahoun?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Paramore?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Robinson?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Rothschil?

MR. RUTHSCHILD: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Schrag?

MR. SCHRAG: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Shelton?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Street?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Terrell?

MR. TERRELL: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Thomas?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Barnes?

MS. BARNES: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Baldwin?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Clark?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Coates?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Deely?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Garner?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Graham?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Jordan?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Jerry Moore?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Nixon?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Olahoun?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Paramore?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Robinson?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Shelton?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Street?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Thomas?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Conner?

MR. COATES: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Jordan?

MR. JORDAN: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Peely?

MR. PEELY: Present.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There are 33 delegates present this morning.

The next order of business is the approval of the minutes.

Delegate Blount?

MR. BLOUNT: Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of the minutes of February 20th, with the necessary corrections.

MS. SIMMONS: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Moved and seconded that the minutes of the February 20th meeting be adopted with some corrections as are necessary.

Are there any corrections?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Hearing none, are you ready for the question?

There is favor of adopting the minutes as indicated here for February 20th, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstentions?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion carries, and the minutes are adopted.

I have some announcements, and before we go into the announcements which are listed on the agenda here, I want to express the deep sympathy and concern of the Convention to Delegate Hilda Mason and Delegate Charles Mason for a tragedy that befell them a few days ago. As you know, Ms. Mason's nephew was killed in a tragic way. There is a sympathy card here from the Delegates, reading, "May the sympathetic thoughts of friends who share your sorrow be a source of strength and help you meet each new tomorrow." I will give this to the Secretary to pass on to Delegate Mason.

I understand that we still haven't settled on all of the committees, but let me read to you what we do have now.

Yes, Delegate Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: Mr. Simmons, I would like to know -- you may tell me if this is not the time -- I wish to raise a matter with the Convention with regard to car rules. I want to be quite sure that what I read yesterday as the unofficial

version of the rules does not include what was intended by the Committee on Committees. I remember, it was a separate sheet of paper attached and distributed to the body, and in the rules, shouldn't have been. They were by and large editorial comments; they were not substantive changes. But it did have in two instances, for example, the committee chairs; now, in the absence of the chair of a committee, the group was to select themselves until the chair returns, a person to serve.

I would just like that to be part of this before we call this official. And I don't know when or whether there needs to be any action other than this explanation.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. We're going to go through the amendments now, and I think we ought to perhaps discuss that somewhat in detail when we get to unfinished business.

MS. SIMMONS: All right.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. All of the substantive committees have met and selected their chairpersons, and let me read them to make certain that they are correct and everybody agrees with them.

The first committee is the Rights and Preamble Committee. Ward 1, Marjorie Jackson; Ward 2, Kenneth Rothschild; Ward 3, Franklin Ramsey; Ward 4, Charles Mason; Ward 5, Michael

Marcus; Ward 6, Charlotte Holmes; Ward 7, James Baldwin;
Ward 8, Jordan; Ward 9, being the At-Large, Jerry Moore.

They have met and selected Jerry Moore as their
Chairperson?

MR. MARCUS: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: And Charles Mason, Vice Chair?

MR. MARCUS: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Very good.

The Judiciary Committee, Marie Nahikian, Ward 1;
Ward 2, Brian Moore; Ward 3, Courts Olahoun; Ward 4, Janet
Harris; Ward 5, Harry Thomas; Ward 6, Jan Eichorn; Ward 7,
William Blount; Ward 8, Gwen Paramore; the At-Large, Ward 9,
David Clark.

The Chair elected was William Blount; is that
correct?

MR. B. MOORE: Correct.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Were there any other officers
to that committee?

MR. B. MOORE: No.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Legislative Committee,
Ward 1, Robert Love; Ward 2, Wesley Long; Ward 3, Philip
Schrapp; Ward 4, Jeanette Feely; Ward 5, Talmadge Moore;
Ward 6, Jerry Warren; Ward 7, James Terrell; Ward 8, Teresa

Jones; the At-Large, Hilda Mason.

The Chair elected is James Terrell; the Vice Chair, Jerry Warren. Is that correct?

MR. TERRELL: That's correct.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Executive Committee, Ward 1, Shelton; Ward 2, McGuire; Ward 3, Corn; Ward 4, Street; Ward 5, Robinson; Ward 6, Graham; Ward 7, Johnson; Ward 8, Lockridge; Ward 9, the At-Large, Simmons; and Simmons is the Chair of that Committee. Is that correct?

MS. SIMMONS: That is correct.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Are there any other officers?

MS. SIMMONS: No. We're going to follow the rules. We're going to fill the vacancy as it occurs.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

The Finance and Taxation Committee. Ward 1, Bruning; Ward 2, Freeman; Ward 3, Garner; Ward 4, Cooper; Ward 5, Nixon; Ward 6, Croft; Ward 7, Barnes; Ward 8, Coates; At-Large, Cassell.

The Chair elected for the Finance and Taxation Committee is James Coates; is that correct?

MR. COOPER: That is correct.

MR. KAHENY: The sheet that we have here has "Long". Has that been changed?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That has been changed. These are as of this morning.

Okay. Delegate Terrell?

MR. TERRELL: You said that Long is not on Finance and Taxation?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, that in place of Long, there is Freeman.

MR. TERRELL: You also mentioned a change in Ward 1 on the second and third committees.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes. Whereas Judiciary had Love before, it is now Nahikian; and Legislative for Ward 1 had Nahikian, and it is now Love.

MR. TERRELL: Okay.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me make one comment before I finish reading this. There have been quite a few changes, and of course, we want people to be on the committees where they are satisfied to work. But after I read these, this is it; there will be no further changes. Is that clearly understood?

Thank you.

We were reading Education. Education, Ward 1, Love; Ward 2, Freeman; Ward 3, Kameny; Ward 4, Feely; Ward 5, Nixon; Ward 6, Holmes; Ward 7, Baldwin; Ward 8, Lockridge; At-Large, Ward 9, Simmons. The Chair elected to

that Committee was Mildred Lockridge; is that right?

MS. LOCKRIDGE: Right.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. Local Government, Ward 1, Nahikian; Ward 2, McGuire; Ward 3, Schrag; Ward 4, Street; Ward 5, Talmadge Moore; Ward 6, Eichorn; Ward 7, Blount; Ward 8, Jordan; Ward 9, At-Large, Clark.

There seems to be some dispute as to who the Chairperson of that is.

Delegate Nahikian?

MS. NAHIKIAN: Mr. Chairman, if it is all right with you, I'd like to explain what the problem is-- I have explained this previously to the Executive Committee -- and then have the Executive Committee and the Chair decide what to do about it.

It is not a dispute at all as to who was elected in terms of numbers of votes on the Chair. There is, however, a problem, I think, in that the election was not conducted in accordance with the rules. The problem is as follows.

If you look at the rules for election of committee chairs, it says very specifically that the chair must be elected by a majority of committee members. A majority of committee members did not elect me Chair of Local Government. There were only four votes for me, three for Talmadge Moore,

and one abstention. Mr. Bissant was not present.

The rule for that particular section then goes on to say, "Elected by a majority of committee members in accordance with the rules for electing the officers of the Convention. The officers of the Convention, the rules say that if there are no more than two candidates, that it is a majority of votes. But there is a conflict there between those two rules that I think has to have a ruling on and clarified before we can be clear as to whether or not my election to Chair of Local Government was in fact proper in accordance with the rules, and if it is ruled that it is not, I would suggest that there needs to be a re-election.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: In order to comply fully with the rules of the Convention and to eliminate any controversy, the Chair is going to ask that Committee if they would caucus once more after we finish reading these and go through that vote again.

Is that satisfactory to the members of the Committee?

MR. JORDAN: No, no.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jordan?

MR. JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, we have already voted, and I think the rules are clear, it only requires a majority vote of those present if you have a quorum.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, I think Delegate Bahirian has raised the --

MR. JORDAN: But you see, Mr. Chairman, there are other committees that didn't have nine people present, and there are other committees where you may not have had chairpersons chosen with five votes. So if we open this process up, then you are talking about opening up the election, or at least, to review the elections of all other chairpersons, and I've got a problem with that.

I'm just saying that to me, it's very clear in the rules that if you vote for the President, and there were only two persons running for that position, the one who got the majority of the votes, whether it was 23 or 15, based on the number of delegates present, if there were a quorum present, the one who got the majority votes of that quorum or the number of delegates present won. And that was the same process that it was proposed that we follow for the election of chairpersons for the rest of the committees.

If you please, Mr. Chairman, if there is a conflict between what the Committee on Committees' report is stating, then I think that the conflict ought to be resolved in favor of Section 1.1 of our Rules.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I think a literal interpretation

of the Rules would suggest that Delegate Nahikian is correct.

However, what is the pleasure of the Committee?
Why was that issue raised today? Who is dissatisfied?

MR. JORDAN: I don't know.

MS. NAHIKIAN: Mr. Chairman, I raised the issue
when I began to look at the rules, because I thought that
there was a conflict, and I was --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Apparently, you are the
only one on that Committee who is dissatisfied with your having
been elected to the Chairperson of that Committee. If there
is no objection from the people who voted for you, I would
suggest that we go on.

MR. COOPER: Mr. President, may I be recognized?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, Mr. Cooper.

MR. COOPER: I'd like to say that it was very
responsible of Ms. Nahikian to raise that point, because
we have adopted rules, and as you know, and the members of the
Committee on Committees will certainly back me up on this, we
hashed this session out in a very professional and profane --
that is, profound --

(laughter.)

MR. COOPER: -- my recollection of the thinking on
this session was that each committee chairman would have to be

electd by five or more votes, and the section that speaks to the manner prescribed was because some members of the Committee felt that it should be by secret ballot; other members of the Committee felt that it should be by roll call. We knew that it was a difficult question that was going to come before the Convention. We knew that the officers certainly had this part in their rules, and that's why we clearly stated that the election would be in the manner prescribed by the rules, because the rules would determine whether or not the election would be by roll call or secret ballot, and that was the only part that was in question.

The question of a majority was certainly clear to everybody. It was clear to the Committee on Committees, and I'm sure we made it clear when we made our report that it would take five or more members to elect a chair of each committee.

And I would certainly like to submit that if there was any other committee that did not elect its chair with five or more votes that those committees, in fact, would have to re-toll, because it is clearly stated in Rule 2.4.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me ask a question.

were there at least five persons who participated -- the majority of the members of this Committee -- who participated

in this vote?

MS. NAHIKIAN: There were eight members present. The vote was four votes for me, three for Mr. Talmadge Moore, and one abstention, and one absent.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It would appear, then, that the person reported to have been elected did not receive a majority of the vote of the members of the Committee.

Let me ask a question here, now. I don't want to spend too much time on this -- I mean, if it is an important principle -- please, Delegate Jordan. If this vote were taken again today -- and I ask this of the members -- first of all, how many of the members of this Committee are here today -- Nahikian, McGuire, Schrag, Street, Moore, Eichorn, Blount, Jordan, Clark.

MS. HARRIS: Everybody but Street.

MR. JORDAN: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jordan?

MR. JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, if we are going to look at it from that perspective, if we are going to adhere to the rules strictly, and we're going to look at Section 2.4 of the rules, it is required that each committee submit a written report of the election. Now, my question is, I have all the information provided to us before me, and I don't see any written reports from each election and the votes that have

been counted -- just one. So, Mr. Chairman, maybe you need to not only instruct the Committee on Housing and whatever else it is, but you need to instruct all committees, and before we can deal with this question about who was actually the Chairperson of that, we need to see the vote on each of those committees and make sure everyone won by five votes.

I'm just saying, if you're going to open it up, you may as well do it right. I didn't want to raise the issue anyway. I asked you earlier just to move on. There was no question about it. You want to continue to raise it, saying you have to have five votes. I mean, my colleague on the Committee, William Cooper, raised the point, and I never understood it to mean that, but if it did -- solid. If we are going to follow 2.4, then we have to do it all the way down the line.

And the requirements are that, "When a committee shall elect a chair, it shall make a report in writing of each election and any changes to the Convention; within 24 hours."

Now, another question you raise, if it doesn't do it in 24 hours, is it valid -- I mean, we could take this on and on and on. But I'll say right now that there is a

requirement that each committee file a written report. And I would say I want to see the written reports, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you. The points have been made. The question is, shall we be very technical about this, which means that since there is only one report -- and I don't even know whether that came within 24 hours -- are we going to lose time on this, or are we going to go on.

Let me take one more from you, Talmadge, and then I'm going to make a proposal of my own.

MR. T. MOORE: Talmadge Moore, Ward 5.

I think, if you read Rule 1.1, there may be a little concern because it states in part, "If more than two persons are nominated for an office and no candidate receives 23 votes on either of the first two ballots," and so on -- if this is the case, and I recall the election by Ms. Harris, I think we eventually had two, and I don't think you went by a majority, did you?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Moore, this refers to the Convention officers, not to the committees.

Let me ask the question once more. If this vote were taken again, would it change -- yes or no?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Apparently, the committee is

satisfied with the vote. Is there any objection to our continuing with the report?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there any objection from that Committee -- not from anybody else, but from that Committee -- does the person selected represent the selection of that Committee?

Hearing no objections, I am prepared to go on.

MR. JORDAN: Wait a minute, Mr. Chairman --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is it a point of order, sir?

MR. JORDAN: Yes, sir. Could you please state the position that you have taken again? I didn't understand.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You were talking.

MR. JORDAN: Please forgive me.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You are forgiven, sir.

I said, if the person elected to that office is still satisfactory, regardless of the procedure, to the members of that Committee, and were that vote taken again would there be any change, the answer apparently is no; nobody raises any objection to our going on. I see no point in engaging in technicalities, which is nothing but a delay.

May we proceed? You have your Chairman. May I proceed to announce the results of the next Committee?

MR. KAMENY: Please do.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

Let me read that one again, now -- somebody has just given me a note reminding me that we have a rule of no smoking in the convention headquarters. This is a requirement of the University that there be no smoking in here. Several delegates have suggested that it might be respectful of their feelings and desires. We have been going out into the hall for purposes of smoking. I would simply ask that we observe that.

Now, I want to finish this report.

Local Government; Nahikian, Chair, Ward 1; Ward 2, McGuire; Ward 3, Schrag; Ward 4, Street; Ward 5, Talmadge Moore; Ward 6, Eichorn; Ward 7, Blount; Ward 8, Jordan; Ward 9, At-Large, Clark.

Is there a Vice Chairman to that Committee?

MS. HARRIS: Talmadge Moore.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Talmadge Moore is Vice Chair.

The Health, Housing and Social Services Committee, Ward 1, Jackson; Ward 2, Rothschild; Ward 3, Olahoun; Ward 4, Harris; Ward 5, Robinson; Ward 6, Warren; Ward 7, Terrell; Ward 8, Paramore; and Ward 9, the At-Large Ward, Cassell.

The elected Chairperson of that Committee is Paramore. Any challenge to that?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Very good.

Economic Development, Ward 1, Shelton; Ward 2, Long; Ward 3, Corn; Ward 4, Cooper; Ward 5, Marcus; Ward 6, Croft; Ward 7, Barnes; Ward 8, Coates; Ward 9, At-Large, Hilda Mason.

The Chairperson of that Committee is Croft.

The last Committee, Suffrage, Apportionment, Initiative, Referendum and Recall, Amendments and Revisions. Ward 1, Bloning; Ward 2, Brian Moore; Ward 3, Garner; Ward 4, Charles Mason; Ward 5, Thomas; Ward 6, Graham; Ward 7, Johnson; Ward 8, Jones; and Jerry Moore, Ward 9, At-Large.

The Chairperson of that Committee is Sandra Johnson, Ward 7. Is that correct?

MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Cooper?

MR. COOPER: I have a question about the report in these regards. I have a few questions, as a matter of fact.

I sit on the Committee on Finance and Taxation. I also sit on the Committee on Economic Development. Now, originally, Mr. Long was on these two committees with me, and

I know that Mr. Long cast vote for the Committee Chair of Finance and Tax, and Mr. Long cast a vote for the Committee Chair of Economic Development.

MS. JONES: And Legislation.

MR. COOPER: Now I understand today that Mr. Long, who has switched, also cast a vote for the Committee on Legislature. That means Mr. Long cast three votes for these Committee Chairs.

MS. HARRIS: That's right.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of order?

MS. JONES: Point of order, Mr. Chairman. I am glad that Mr. Cooper brought that up, because that is totally unfair. And if anybody respects the vote, I do. I don't care what it is. It can be morally offensive to me, but I will respect the vote. I'll talk about it, but I'll respect it. But I don't respect that.

Now, maybe Mr. Long is in error. I can appreciate that. But that is going to have to be redone, that Legislative absolutely.

MR. COOPER: I think this is a result of all of our trying to swap committees after the fact. I also have another question. I see that Ms. Nahikian and Mr. Love also switched two committees. And my question to them is, which one of them

voted on Judiciary, and which one of them did the voting on Education, or which one of them did the voting on Local Government, or which one of them did the voting on Legislative

MR. LOVE: Do you want an answer to that question?

MR. COOPER: I would certainly love an answer.

MR. LOVE: Okay, I would like to answer -- I can't speak for Mr. Long --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I haven't recognized anybody.

Delegate Love?

MR. LOVE: In terms of the switches that Ms. Nahlia and I made, the only one of those committees which had made the selection before we switched was Judicial, and that was Mr. Bleunt, and that was a unanimous vote, and if Ms. Nahlia's changed, it would have made no difference.

The other three committees had not elected officers at the point where we changed, so there was no other time when we had extra votes.

MR. COOPER: My question was, which committee did you vote on. That's all I wanted to know.

MR. LOVE: Well, I voted on --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Freeman and Delegate Harris, and then Delegate Barnes.

MS. FREEMAN: Ward 2 has been going through a lot

of changes on its committees, and Mr. Long and I did make a switch. When I was on Legislative, we had not yet voted for an officer for Chair of the Committee. And if it would make it easy, since I understand that Delegate Long did vote for the Legislative Chair of the Committee he is now sitting on, that I can cast my vote for Delegate Coates on the Tax and Finance Committee.

MR. COOPER: Well, we've finished that voting process on Tax and Finance.

MS. FREEMAN: That's correct, but as I understand, it was a vote by acclamation, so it in no case would change the Chair of the Committee, whether I was present or not.

MR. COOPER: The roll call vote happened to be unanimous, consistent with the rules. This is the problem I'm trying to point out --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris?

MS. HARRIS: As a point of information for the Judiciary and Legislative Committees, of which I sat on both -- I mean, I sat on one and sat in the other one -- on Judiciary, Delegate Love nominated another candidate for a position on that Committee, and when he switched into Legislative this morning, he voted for a candidate. So in fact, he voted on both of those committees, making nominations

on one.

MS. NAHIKIAN: I didn't vote at all. Nahikian did not vote at all on either Legislative or Judiciary.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me ask a question. Of these committees that I have read this morning, how many of these switches were made today? Were any switches made today?

There were some switches made today.

MS. NAHIKIAN: No switches.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Were there any switches made since Thursday, when we met here?

MS. NAHIKIAN: No.

MS. JONES: They were made Thursday. They were made Thursday, I think, for Legislative.

When did Freeman make hers?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There had to have been some made on the Finance and Taxation Committee, because that is the one that I serve on, and there has been a change between Freeman and Long since we voted. So that had to have been made.

MS. FREEMAN: The switch was made prior to Thursday, and my feeling about it is that the committee as were constituted properly voted for their chairs, and

it is the committee as a body's decision, and if the committee membership changes -- and, as I said, the Tax and Finance Committee's membership has not changed since Thursday; Delegate Long and I made that switch prior to Thursday --

MR. COOPER: That's not the point I was making.

MS. FREEMAN: -- the committee vote is still valid, because the committee exists as the committee.

MR. COOPER: Long voted on three of these substantive standing committees.

MS. HARRIS: And Love probably did, too.

MR. COOPER: Which, I think, although it is not specifically addressed in the rules, it is clearly inappropriate and clearly not in conjunction with the intent of the rules.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Barnes?

MR. BARNES: I was just going to make the same statement that Delegate Nahikian made, that we elected Mr. Coates by acclamation.

MR. COOPER: Let you see, that's not the issue.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris, Delegate Marcus, Delegate Mason -- I beg your pardon -- Delegate Robinson, Delegate Marcus, and Delegate Mason.

MR. ROBINSON: He, President, I, too, am concerned

about the way the switches were made. First of all, I should like to ask the Chair pointedly, when was this published or printed?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Mr. Secretary?

MR. COOPER: This document was published when the committees stood before us on Tuesday night, I think it was -- or was it last Saturday -- it was when the President called on each ward to call out the names of their committee, after weeks of caucusing. There were a few wards in question, and we cleared those up on Tuesday, and finally, after a lot of caucusing by Ward 6, we got clarity on their assignments.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Hold it just a minute. Let me clarify that response, now. The recording of the decisions made on Tuesday and Thursday are what this reflects. I don't know when it was published, but it reflects the information given to us on Tuesday and Thursday after, in this room, we had made our decisions.

Yes?

MR. ROBINSON: My next question, Mr. President, in were you consulted, sir, prior to the switching of any of these wards?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No. The answer to that question

MR. ROBINSON: My last question, sir, is why has this Convention not heard from Mr. Long who, apparently, has voted in more than two committees -- and Mr. Love?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: I'm curious as to what Delegate Cooper and Delegate Robinson would do in regard to this issue. As far as this Convention seems to be at this point, the issue of the constitution of committees is closed; the chairs have been elected. Would we then backtrack to Tuesday evening once again and put the committees and the wards into forced arbitration, under pressure by the First Vice President and the President, as they did in the case of Ward 6?

This has really gone far enough.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason, Delegate Jones, and that is the end. I want to say something after that.

MS. MASON: Hilda Mason, at-large. I would like to express my real concern about why are we here. Why are we here?

We are here to write a constitution, and not to get involved with a lot of power plays, and not to get involved in a lot of behind-the-scenes negotiations.

I would have to say for the record, and I believe in keeping the record clear, and this is not to cast an aspersion

on anyone, but someone in the Legislative Committee said to me that he had already promised his vote to Delegate Warren, and Delegate Warren was not even a member of our Committee at that point.

So I don't understand -- and I say that with all humility, because I really do not understand what we are doing. We were elected by the residents of the District of Columbia in good faith to write a constitution. And I am very concerned about these plays -- very concerned.

Now, if there is a problem, I don't know how to resolve the problem, because we keep building problems. And I am confused. I don't know why we keep doing this.

This list was not published, because I tried from my office to get copies of this, and Mr. President, you said it was not published. But it seems to me there also has to be flexibility in what we do, and I don't understand what it is -- everybody here is elected. Everybody here can do a job. The residents are looking for a constitution; that is what they are looking for, and that's why I ran, to help to write a constitution, and I want to be as helpful as I can to help get a constitution. I have worked at it for a long time, a long time. I have put in long hours. I have put in my own money out of my salary. I have organized people to

help do this on a church by church level, in all kinds of organizations.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you, Delegate Mason.

MR. MASON: I appreciate the indulgence --
to let me speak --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Time is called. We are really going to have to move on --

MR. JORDAN: Move for an extension of time.

MR. SCHRAG: Point of order, Mr. Chairman. There are no time limits in the rules.

MS. MASON: Mr. Chairman, I am not trying to speak. I was trying to thank you; that is all.

Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

Delegate Jones?

MS. JONES: You know, I am not confused. I believe that as a citizen --

MR. HOLMES: Which you are not.

MS. JONES: -- as a human -- I am a citizen, Ms. Holmes, because I choose to be here. Now, as a citizen, I have the right to believe that one man, one vote is what this country stands for, and I hope. Now, if we got into

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confusion, if we had somebody who voted three times, we should do it again. We should take the time to do it again.

Now, just because somebody is in a hard time at home, don't disenfranchise her.

So history will say we did this wrong. The "Washington Post" is going to say it, and so are a whole lot of other publications. And there is no reason not to go back and do it again. Now, if it was not in error, that's what I want to believe, but I also want to believe that we are people, and we ought to go back and do it again to correct it, because that's the kind of people we are, and those are the kind of people I want to be associated with, Ms. Mason.

Now, I have one other problem in here. I hear people rising to say, "Let's go on." No. The answer to that is "No". And if I have to stand on a point of order and a point of personal privilege, to fight about this until we have not written a constitution, I will do that. And the reason that I will do that is because you are disenfranchising me.

Now, I wouldn't take advantage of Wesley Long and vote three times, and hopefully, I could believe that he's not doing that to me.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegates Richborn, Long,

Jordan, and then the Chair is going to make a ruling.

MS. EICHORN: In view of the fact that the committee at issue that met on Tuesday night where there were changes following those meetings elected their chairs in two instances by acclamation, and in the third instance, did not elect a chair until today, the changes had no effect, Mr. President, at all. And I am concerned about delaying the authority of the elected chairs who were elected by acclamation to go ahead and organize the committees. There is only one committee where the election was at issue, and that election was held the day after the changes were made. The others were by acclamation.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Long?

MR. LONG: (Points to Delegate Freeman.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I don't understand. I recognized you, and you made some gestures. What does that mean?

MR. LONG: I cannot speak.

MS. FREEMAN: I understand. He has laryngitis.

What happened with Delegate Long and myself is that I had some personal difficulties in serving on the Legislative Committee which had to do in part with my ability to try to help with some academic credit for being at this Convention. I was having some difficulty with my school in being able to get credit for it, for the Legislative Committee. That's one

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of the reasons why the switch took place, and I asked Delegate Long if he was willing to switch with me. There was no effort at a power play. I'm the one that doesn't have a vote. I was the one who lent my vote. Now, I don't have any problems with joining Finance and Tax and having a revote on that. As I said earlier, I would certainly vote for Delegate Coates. If that would make things legal in the Convention, fine; I think that, then, when the Finance and Tax Committee meets, then we ought to revote by acclamation for Delegate Coates as Chair.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The last speaker is Delegate Jordan.

MR. JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, I don't know if this is appropriate. I'm just disturbed by one thing, when people say they don't understand what's happening. In all due respect to my At-Large representative on the City Council, I believe that all of us understand what it means to have power, because power translates into control. And I think that when I came here as a Delegate, it was most disturbing for me to have to find myself constantly in a position where I had to respond to, or be aware of and concerned about those who had agendas, those who had resources that were available to them, in fact, those who already documents that

were written -- to what extent, I don't know. I found myself in committees, time after time, responding to situations in which issues were raised by individuals who weren't even on those committees. And it is very clear that there are some in this convention, as Delegate Mason has alluded to, who have resources in the name of money, or in the name of students, in the name of other resources.

I am saying that this constitution, if it is going to be good, must clearly reflect the diversity of this City and must take into consideration the composition of the residents of this City, their needs, their aspirations, their hopes, the historical perspective from which they come.

Now, I know what Frederick Douglass said. He said, "Power can seize nothing without a demand; it never did, it never will." And I think it is very clear that what has been going on in committees, what has been going on throughout this Convention is an attempt by those who have historically been denied power to place themselves in a position where they would have power, so that they in fact could control or have some say-so about what comes out of this Convention in terms of the constitution.

Now, I would not question anyone's motive here, in terms of why they have run. Personally, for myself, I

want to see a constitution, and I wouldn't raise the question whether or not there are individuals here who have been working long or short in the struggle for self-determination. I think many of us have been involved in a struggle for self-determination maybe in other areas, and some of us may have never been involved in it. But the fact that we are here, I think, is indication enough that we want to see a constitution written. So I wouldn't impugn anybody's motives. But I think it is very clear, when we talk about power plays, and we talk about games that are being played, and we talk about behind-the-scenes efforts, I mean, that's no different than it would be in the Republican or Democratic Convention. I mean, why would we hold this Convention to some unrealistic requirements or restrictions? It's very clear that the kind of effort that we see in terms of struggle in this forum is the kind of effort we see for struggle in this City at large, and it is nothing different. There is no reflection in terms of the struggle. We can manifest it, or we can say that it represents those who are dispossessed and those who are possessed; those who are powerful against those who are not powerful, and on and on and on.

So I'm just saying that I am concerned about the power plays, too, Delegate Mason, and I'm saying, I hope you

wouldn't deny me an opportunity, because --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. Thank you.

MS. MASON: My name was called, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of personal preference.

MS. MASON: I want to make it clear that those of us who came into this Convention with documents and other resources are people who gathered that through our efforts all during the initiative and the 51st State period, and there was no hidden agenda. These documents were made available. I have documents in my office. I have a file in my office on statehood which would go into the public library --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason, I think that you are not really speaking to the point. I think you are engaging in an argument with someone. It's really not -- I haven't seen any attacks that require rejoinders.

I would like to rule on this issue --

MR. SCHRAG: Point of order, point of order.

Mr. Chairman, time was called on Delegate Jordan. There is no time limit anywhere in these rules, except in Rule 5.2, having to do with when a motion to cut off debate is in order. Except with respect to the time limit in that rule, there is no time limit on speeches in this debate, and I think Delegate Jordan should still have the floor if he wants

it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jordan sat down.

Delegate Schrag, let me remind you that the Chair has certain prerogatives. The Chair would like to move this on. You might speak for half an hour. If the rules allowed you to speak for half an hour, the Chair would still cut you short, right? We have some responsibility to keep things moving.

The committees on Judiciary, Legislature, Finance and Taxation, Education and Local Government have had some changes. These changes were not made in accordance with the rules where the rules require reporting; in other respects, the rules don't say anything about when and how you may change and to whom that reports.

The question has been raised about some delegates actually voting on more than two committees. If that happens, that is something that is certainly out of order. If indeed these lists that I just read represent all of the people who are on those committees, I think we can resolve that.

I'm not very much impressed by those who are very strictly concerned with technical rules, unless those rules have to do with the democratic procedure itself; unless those rules have to do with getting our work done in a fair way. I

think Delegate Jones and Delegate Jordan have made a point. Their concern with technical rules is not for the purpose of obstruction, not for the purpose as I interpret it, not for the purpose of argument, but for the purpose of making certain that the procedures here are fair and that we establish some reasonable and democratic precedents here.

I'm going to ask the members -- first of all, let me ask this. Are the members of each of these committees that I read still content to serve on those committees?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Hearing no response, I assume that everybody on the committees as read are satisfied with those committees. I am going to ask the members of the Judiciary, Legislative, Finance and Taxation, Education, and Local Government, all of which had changes after the decisions were made on Tuesday, and after the decisions were made on Thursday, if they would caucus at the end of this order of business and either confirm or change to the satisfaction of each of those committees and report those to the Chair. Then, there should be no question. We have no provisions for people changing. There was no indication when or how you could change. Therefore, some people did vote more than two times.

My request is at the end of this order of business that that be done for those committees once more -- Judiciary, Legislative, Finance and Taxation, Education and Local Government. I would like to proceed with the order of business.

MR. COOPER: Mr. President, I'd like to appeal that ruling. It is my feeling, Mr. President, that if these five committees are going to be selected out, to be able to revoke their opinions, I think all of the committees should be able to revoke. That would be the only thing that is fair.

It is obvious that there were some unfair practices in the past. I don't know if they want to attempt to abort the rules of this committee that we spent three weeks adopting, and we were very technical in adopting those, but I think that that would be unfair to other committees, to the Preamble and Rights Committee or to the Executive Committee or Economic Development.

It is obvious that the last five or so speakers haven't even spoken to the report, and Ms. Freeman herself said that her attempt at the change was so she could collect credit, extra credit. That has nothing to do with this Convention, Mr. President.

MR. B. MOORE: Mr. President, point of order, please.

MR. COOPER: There is an appeal on the floor. I appealed the ruling.

MR. B. MOORE: I would hope that you would speak in a little bit more tamer voice, in respect to our fellow delegates. I think that is very unfair the way you spoke to Ms. Freeman right now.

MR. COOPER: I wasn't speaking to Ms. Freeman; I was speaking to the rest of the delegates.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Cooper, Delegate Cooper, please. Let's do this in order.

MS. JONES: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of personal privilege. The way that a person speaks and the way that a person deals is according to his own way that he deals, and I don't think we're talking disrespectful to people, Delegate Brian Moore, and I don't mean to bruise your feelings, but people are upset about this point, and the upset is coming out in their voices. I don't think they are being disrespectful to anybody, and I don't think they are attacking anybody. And the other thing is, and I don't want to bruise your feelings with this, but I think you are being a chauvinist, because Delegate Freeman can defend Delegate Freeman, and as a

woman, I defend Teresa Jones, and I am sure I can do that, and I have some resentment toward what you just said.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There is an appeal to the ruling of the Chair on the floor. That appeal, as I gather, did not get a second. However, I will respect the desire for some equity.

I named five committees that I requested review the voting process. I have no problems with asking all ten committees to confirm once again, in order to eliminate what appears to be a road block.

MR. SCHRAG: Point of parliamentary procedure.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: May I finish, please? You must be recognized, sir.

Now, is there any objection -- is there any strong objection -- and I appeal to you not to object unless there is really some serious problem with that -- to, at the end of the agenda today, each of the committees confirming their vote in order that we take care of the problem of those who perhaps have voted maybe three times.

Point of inquiry?

MR. SCHRAG: Point of inquiry. I have no objection to the procedure laid out, but I don't understand one aspect of it. What if some people are absent -- and there are some

people absent today. Your proposal raises all the questions that we avoided dealing with when Delegate Nahikian raised them. Do we have to have new votes in all these committees, and if so, what happens if some of the members are absent, and therefore, there are no absolute majorities -- or, is it simply that you are proposing that the committees talk together and get a general sense of whether they are satisfied,, without revoting?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Your point is well-taken. There are people who aren't here, who can't participate in what I suggested.

Delegate Jackson?

MR. JACKSON: If someone has problems with me being confused, then let them deal with that, because I see confusion. I don't understand that, if no one raised any objection to the election of officers in the committees, why would we spend all this time?

(Applause.)

MR. JACKSON: In Ward 1, I don't know whether anyone had any notions about anything else, but I was called and asked if I minded if people changed chairs, and I didn't mind. It didn't bother me. I don't know how it was done in Ward 2. I don't know. I think Mr. Long will have to

state later whether he was trying -- I don't know. I assume that no one would want to do that.

But I don't hear anyone, either in Ward 1 or Ward 2, having complaints about people changing. I haven't heard anyone in any committee raise any points about them being discontented with anyone who was elected. I don't see what the problem is.

In my Committee, Mr. Chairman, there was a person who won with four votes and a person who lost with three votes which, if you want to throw it over, but no one in the Committee is raising any problems about that, so I don't see why we will keep going on and on and on over anything. I think we should close that. However, if there is a question around Mr. Long's vote, let him speak for it when his voice comes back. Give him a drink of scotch or something -- let him go -- but let's move on.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Coates?

MR. COATES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Delegate Coates, Ward 3. I wish to inquire, sir, what the parliamentary situation is. Am I correct in the understanding which I have, that the appeal of Delegate Cooper is based not so much on consideration as to whether the respective committees are satisfied with their present chairs and indeed whether those

chairs would change as a result of subsequent meetings, but that in essence, the question his appeal raises is whether committee persons whose assignments have been filed by ward caucuses can, after the filing of those assignments, change.

If I am correct in that assessment, then it would appear to me that unless we decide the question as to whether committee persons can change assignments, and we would then be subject later on, if an issue came up involving some proposal regarding the constitution that I could shop around and ask Delegate A, B, or C to switch and come to my Committee, thereby assuring the adoption of a proposal, and later move those several delegates to another committee, to assure at that point a proposal there. So that we would then be subject to shifting constituencies of committees, shifts based on the whim and fancy of a delegate or Chairperson. Now, if that is the case or the possible case that we would play out as scenario, maybe we ought to resolve the question as to whether committee members can change committee assignments once a caucus has filed those assignments with the Convention.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: May I speak --

MR. COATES: That determines, in a sense, for me, if that is correct, sir, how I would vote on the appeal of

Mr. Cooper to the ruling of the Chair.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm going to ask Mr. Cooper to respond to the first part of your question, but you'll recall that in the middle of reading these, I indicated that -- First of all, I asked if these were the committees that people had elected to serve on, and I indicated that there would be no changes, and there had to be a cut-off somewhere. Inasmuch as our rules were not very clear in that respect, they didn't anticipate the problem that we are dealing with now. There has to be a cut-off, and that cut-off is just a ruling of the Chair, quite some time ago.

Now, regarding the interpretation of Delegate Cooper's appeal, I'll let him respond to you. Do you want to state the first part of your question again?

MR. COATES: Yes, whether I understand correctly, sir, that the issue you raise is not so much whether a chair reflects the viewpoint of the committee or whether any present chair can change the result of proposed meetings by the President, but the issue is, whether committee members can change their assignments once those assignments have been filed to the Convention by the Ward caucuses.

MR. COOPER: Because of the fact that those persons who were assigned to those committees did vote and then

switched. I think that is an aberration of the rules. And I was glad that Mr. Jackson brought up the point also that there was another committee by which a chair was elected by less than a majority. The rules are clear.

MR. KAHENY: No, they are not clear.

MR. COOPER: They are extremely clear. Mr. Kaheny, you were on that committee, and you sat in on the session where we hashed this out.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Do not argue with a delegate. Simply finish your statement.

MR. COOPER: Okay. And if anyone would like, I can recollect exactly what happened with regard to Section 2.4 that night.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Coates still has the floor now.

MR. COATES: Thank you, sir.

I move, sir, that --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There is no motion on the floor.

MR. COATES: The motion is not in order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There is no motion on the floor.

If you want to make one, you can make one. There was an appeal to the decision of the chair that didn't receive a second. You have the floor still.

MR. COATES: I move that we finalize, we ratify committee assignments, and fix them as being final as of this meeting, and further, that we ratify as being substantially consistent with the rules of the Convention the election of committee chairs as read by the Chairman.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

MR. THOMAS: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me repeat this, and then I'll recognize you.

It has been moved and seconded that we ratify the decisions made and reported to the Chair and by the Chair for the membership of the committees and the chairpersons thereof, and that we accept those as substantially and consistent with the rules and consistent with the desires of the committee members.

Is that it, essentially?

MR. COATES: That is correct.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Discussion?

Delegate Thomas?

MR. THOMAS: Mr. Chairman, I am very confused. I am confused, number one, because I am very dissatisfied. I look at Ward 5. We had Brother Moore for our Committee chairmanship. I look at Ward 7. We've got three people on

of Ward 7 who are Committee Chairmen. We're going to have to take this back to Ward 5, too, to re-ratify the constitution I'm talking about.

I look at the ad hoc Committee on Public Information, and I don't see my name on it, and I worked with the ad hoc Committee. I've spent 25 years working for the Public Affairs Department of the Department of the Interior.

Barbara Simmons was not on even the ad hoc Committee, and her name appeared on what you got. And I'm telling you, if Harry Thomas is to work for the ratification of the constitution, then Ward 5 out of this Convention has to be recognized somewhere, and I'm very concerned about it, when a ward with five delegates comes up with three committee chairmanships, and Ward 5 has nothing.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

Marcus, and then Barnes.

MR. MARCUS: Mr. President, I would agree with my fellow delegate from Ward 5 that I am very concerned about the lack of representation and leadership among delegates from Ward 5.

I would also like to mention to the Chair that I also requested appointment to the Committee on Public Information and Media. However, I'm not really sure what we

can do about it at this date. I think Mr. Coates' motion --

MR. COOPER: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

MR. MARCUS: I'm speaking to the motion.

MR. COOPER: He is not speaking to the motion.

MR. MARCUS: I am speaking to the motion. I am tired of having people interrupt me when I am speaking to the motion --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Marcus, would you just hold your --

MR. MARCUS: I think that Mr. Coates --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Would you just hold your statement until I've heard the point of order?

MR. COOPER: My point of order, Mr. President, was that Mr. Marcus is not speaking to Mr. Coates' motion which is now on the floor. He's talking about Ward 5.

MR. MARCUS: If you'd let me finish my statement, you'd see that I'm speaking to the motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Marcus, the Chair will respond to Delegate Cooper's point of order. Do you recall Delegate Coates' motion?

MR. MARCUS: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Coates' motion had to do with accepting the determinations as read to this

Committee to this convention, right --

MR. MARCUS: Yes. I was --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: -- as essentially valid. Please speak to that point. It really doesn't have much to do with a specific Ward.

MR. MARCUS: I was making a point regarding that motion. It seems that people have wandered all over the map in terms of their logic, so please permit me to wander all over the map in terms of my logic, now, I feel that Ward 5 has in fact been left out, and I feel that there are other delegates in this Convention who have in fact been left out of the decision-making process, but the point is that we are here to write a constitution, and therefore --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me ask you --

MR. MARCUS: -- and therefore --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: -- let me ask you --

MR. MARCUS: You just don't want anybody to speak to motions that are on the floor.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me ask you how your reference to Ward 5 being left out refers to Delegate Coates' motion.

MR. MARCUS: As someone familiar with the English language, you realize that "now" means that I am getting to the point --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Out of order.

MR. MARCUS: May I finish my point? I am speaking to the motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Barnes?

I rule you out of order, Delegate Marcus. Sit down. Delegate Barnes.

MR. MARCUS: I am speaking to the motion. I appeal the Chair ruling me out of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Barnes?

MR. BARNES: Barnes, Ward 7. I don't have any feelings pro or con about the motions going around right now. I think that basically, everyone agrees that a decision has been made, and committee assignments have been sealed on the sheet, and the corrections are final, and no one has a problem with that.

In order to clear up the situation now, I would like to offer an amendment to Reverend Coates' motion, to state that along with making the final decision, that the committees themselves follow the rules as they were stated and submit a written report to the Chair at the end of this meeting.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second to the motion?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that --

MR. CROFT: Point of information, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Croft?

MR. CROFT: Could I have the amendment restated, please?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The amendment is that -- why don't you restate that?

MR. BARNES: Okay. Being consistent with the rules that the committees in meeting at the end of this meeting that we have now submit a written report to the Chair on the membership of the committees and the chairmen selected by those committees.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

Did everybody hear the amendment? It was seconded.

Is there discussion?

Mr. Cooper?

MR. COOPER: I'd like to speak against that amendment, simply because it is unnecessary verbage. The rules clearly state what the committee responsibilities are, and I don't think that needs to be part of this motion. It doesn't need to become an amendment to this motion, because it has to be done anyway.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me make a comment. As the rules were read to us, there is a requirement that the decisions of those committees must be given to the President in writing. I would suggest that that is not necessary -- if you would care to withdraw that.

MR. BARNES: Okay, if that is a general understanding fine, I'll withdraw it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Further discussion on Delegate Coates' motion?

Delegate Croft, Delegate Jones, Delegate Marcus?

MR. CROFT: I'll be very brief. I would like to simply say that I support the motion, and I think it is time that we act on the motion and we move forward on Delegate Coates' motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I am sorry, sir. Could you repeat that?

MR. CROFT: Call the question.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The question has been called. All those in favor of cutting off debate, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of ayes.)

MR. COOPER: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of order.

MR. COOPER: Mr. Chairman, with respect to calling the previous question -- and I will read exactly the rule we adopted -- it simply states that any motion where needed is in order, but only if two speakers on each side have had the opportunity to speak for two minutes each.

I haven't heard two speakers pro or con in reference to this motion.

MR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, point of order. The rules say that provided two speak for or against if two want to speak; if two don't want to speak, they don't have to speak.

MR. COOPER: I just read the rule verbatim.

MR. JACKSON: Let me finish, Mr. Chairman.

MR. COOPER: You paraphrased me --

MR. JACKSON: Let me finish, man. What's wrong with you?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Mr. Cooper, please, please. Delegate Jackson has the floor.

Delegate Jackson?

MR. JACKSON: Just one more point, Mr. Chairman.

I can understand. I did not read the rules to a "t". But, sir, no one has had a chance to even look -- people don't know

these rules one from the other. No one has had a chance to really study the rules and look them over. Everybody has made notes. So I think we should move on, and let people study the rules this evening or tonight, and please, let's close the debate and move this thing on. But let's move, please.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. There is a motion to call the question and cut off debate. That motion is on the floor.

MS. JONES: Mr. Chairman, I think you called my name before that motion hit the floor, and I believe that I should be allowed to speak.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You may speak.

MS. JONES: Now, you can tell me "no", and I'll abide by what you say. Okay.

One of the problems, and the reason that I'm speaking against the motion, is because we can't ratify the Chairman for Legislative as far as I am concerned because Wesley Long's vote is null and void. We have a tie in that Committee. It is four/four. The Chairman was elected with five/four. And I am really, truly sorry that he is not here, because I don't like to deal when somebody is not looking at me.

But we have a four/four tie, because Wesley Long's is null and void. And Wesley -- and this is out of order, I

know -- but you answered a roll call vote in that Committee; now, what happened to your voice?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jones, you are out of order.

MS. JONES: I have some problems with that. Well, it's true.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Please remain seated, Delegate Jones.

Delegate Jones, I would like to recognize you again. I understood your complaint about the motion.

MS. JONES: No. I am talking against the motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Would you like to amend that motion, or is it entirely unacceptable to you?

MS. JONES: Well, yes -- no. Can you hold on a minute? Let me hear Mr. Croft's --

MR. CROFT: I'd like to amend the motion, then, and I'd like to amend the motion to everything to be ratified except for the Legislative Committee.

MS. JONES: Oh, okay.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that the Delegate's motion be amended by striking "the

Legislative Committee", which means that this Convention would accept the decisions made and reported, except for the Legislative Committee.

Discussion?

Schrag, Bruning, Mason, Moore.

MR. SCHRAG: I would like to speak against the Cio amendment. If there is a committee whose election is in doubt because of Long's vote, it's not the Legislative Committee; it is the Finance and Tax Committee. The reason for this is that Long is a member of the Committee on the Legislature. He is going to be spending his days and nights serving as a member of that Committee and is entitled to have a voice with respect to the officers of that Committee. If there is a Committee where his vote shouldn't count, it is the Committee where he is not going to be serving, which is the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Further discussion on the amended motion?

Bruning, Mason, Moore, Cooper, Jones.

MR. BLOUNT: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Blount?

MR. BLOUNT: Delegate Blount, Ward 7. I think it would help to expedite matters if, when you call on a person

to speak, they would say whether they are for or against the amendment, and that way, we will know when we have two persons speaking for and two persons speaking against a motion, and we will have clarified that rule.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point well-taken.

Bruning, for or against?

MR. BRUNING: Delegate Jones had indicated that Delegate Long is nonexistent. I would therefore want to know --

MS. JONES: I did not say that. That is not true. That is not true. I did not use the word, "nonexistent".

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Order.

MS. JONES: This is ridiculous.

MR. BRUNING: I would like to raise a question, and my inquiry would be --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I am sorry. You will have to start again. I am having difficulty hearing you.

MR. BRUNING: My voice is fine today. Would the membership of the Legislative Committee, as we now see it on our sheets, be the people who would then be deciding that Committee seat, because there is some question that Delegate Jones raised about the propriety or impropriety of Delegate Long and his presence, and his vote, et cetera.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, that is the current membership, and there is no other membership.

MR. BREHLING: Then, I speak in favor of the motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Mason, Moore, Cooper, Jones.

MS. MASON: Mr. Chairman, I associate myself with the remarks of Delegate Schrag.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Brian Moore?

MR. B. MOORE: Two points, Mr. Chairman. A point of information, and then I am speaking against the amendment made to the motion.

We have a motion on the floor and one amendment to that motion; is that correct?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MR. B. MOORE: Can you make a further amendment or a motion to the amendment?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, you can make an amendment to an amendment.

MR. B. MOORE: I would like to amend the amendment, by having all the committees meet again at the appropriate time to revote on their chairpersons.

MR. (BOPT): Point of order. That is not an amendment.

That is a substitute motion. That amendment alters, alters fundamentally, the main motion. It alters fundamentally my amendment. That is not an amendment. That is a substitute motion. If Delegate Brian Moore would like to offer a substitute motion, he is certainly within his rights, but he cannot amend an amendment out of existence to an amendment.

MR. B. MOORE: Can I offer a substitute motion, then, Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You don't have to, but you can.

MR. B. MOORE: I would like to make that a substitute motion, and my reason for that is that I think that this matter will not leave us until we adequately and correctly address it, and that all the delegates are satisfied that it has been done in a democratic and fair manner.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Could the Chair really ask your indulgence? Following the proper parliamentary procedures, we could amend, and we could have substitutes, and we could eventually come to a conclusion. It might take us until four or five o'clock. Could the Chair just make a suggestion that hopefully would be acceptable to everybody and resolve this issue right now?

If his first suggestion isn't acceptable in the

interest of time, perhaps a modified suggestion. The parliamentary procedure is going to keep us here for an awfully long time. The Convention is going to have to start next week. This Convention, if it starts on Monday, will end on May the 30th. Now, May the 30th is a holiday weekend, and after May the 30th, a lot of you are going to leave town, no matter what. Then the summer starts, June starts, and we are going to lose our people.

So I would like to get to the rest of the agenda that we see here, and I would hope that I could expedite it itself. The Chair is mindful, very mindful, of the fact that procedures here have not been entirely correct. The very idea of anybody voting three times, regardless of what the intention was, is something which is subject to challenge. Without impugning anybody's motives, could we start the whole procedure again?

Would it really hurt our processes, since presumably we are all here--there is not any basic dissatisfaction with the composition of the committees, anyway--could we either ratify, committee by committee, or revise, to satisfy those individual committees, without a long, extended debate? The Chair is asking for some assistance. The Chair is not going to be rigid. The Chair wants to do what it will to get this

of this issue and get on to the rest of the agenda. Now, that is a question, all right?

In response to the question, Delegate Croft, Delegate Coates, and Delegate Jackson. So, help me; I am not criticizing. Some help, please.

Delegate Croft:

MR. CROFT: Mr. Chairman, I think that we can resolve this matter by simply voting on the amendment and the main motion. I say that for a particular reason. I think we are making a mountain out of a mole hill, because it seems to me that there is one committee in which the vote could change; the question of Wesley Long's voting could change. That is why I moved to amend Delegate Coates' motion. But I think that we are making a mountain out of a mole hill. I think we need to separate things out.

I am also concerned about people voting three times in elections. I think that we should separate that out. In other words, I think we need to deal with the question of our committee chairmanships, our committee composition, and then I think that we should also deal with that issue separately.

But I would think the best way to resolve it is to vote my amendment up, and my amendment was made simply to

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deal with one question. There is one committee chairmanship in which the change in composition could affect the outcome of the election. So I am urging people that we vote the amendment up or down, and that we vote the motion up or down, and we move on. I think that is the simplest way to do it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right.

Delegate Coates, then Delegate Jackson.

MR. COATES: Mr. Chairman, I think the simplest way to do it is the consideration of the amendment proposed by Mr. Croft. And the other point I would make, sir, is even if we reconvene in May does not decide the question as to whether committee persons, self-initiated or otherwise, can switch assignments. And I think by the determination of the Convention, we need to decide that, so that the motion as amended would do that for us.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We would have to then vote on your amendment in order to take care of the idea of the finality of the decision.

MR. COATES: That is right. Once we dispose of the amendment, either by adding it to the main motion or dropping it therefrom, we could then proceed.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Croft, would you resist

your motion again and let us vote on it?

MR. CROFT: Well, it was Delegate Coates' motion, and I amended it, and I will accept anything Delegate Coates accepts.

MR. COATES: It is to ratify the chairs elected by the several committees, with the exception of Legislative.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, may we vote on that?

MR. COATES: And further, to finalize the committee assignments.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There are two pros and two cons on this.

MS. JONES: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

MR. MOORE: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

I had the floor, and I made a substitute motion. I relented because the Chair had asked to resolve the matter without addressing any specific motion or amendment. He asked for counsel or advice.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You are correct. Did you get a second? I did not hear a second.

MR. B. HOOPER: I would ask for a second on my substitute motion, that we reconvene the committees to revote on our representative chairpeople.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Inasmuch as I didn't give you a

chance for a second --

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

MR. JACKSON: Mr. President, I think that was out of order. The Convention here, there is nothing in the rules that says that the body of this Convention has to accept who was nominated and who was elected in those committees. If the committees have nominated and elected their chairs, then that is the only thing that is there. We do not accept anything. There is one committee that has a problem, which is the Legislative Committee, as I understand it.

MS. CORN: That is out of order. He is not speaking to the motion.

MR. JACKSON: Hold it a second, hold it a second. I get tired of you people cutting me off. What is wrong with you all?

MS. CORN: He is not speaking--

MR. JACKSON: Shut up, woman, and let me speak.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jackson, I think I heard you speak with disrespect again to one of our delegates, right?

MR. JACKSON: Maybe I did, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Now, before I allow you to continue --

MR. JACKSON: I apologize, I apologize, Mr. Chairman. But would you please tell these people to let someone speak when they have the floor, please? It is the height of arrogance--Mr. Chairman, you --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Your point is well-taken. May we all restrain ourselves, in the interest of time, as well as courtesy, to not speak while others are trying to make their points.

MR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, you asked for counsel, as I understand it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: But we have passed that, now.

MR. JACKSON: Hold it just a second. I am saying that Mr. Coates made a motion, of which Mr. Croft made a friendly amendment, which I understand Mr. Coates accepted.

MS. CORN: There is a substitute motion on the floor, and it has to be seconded.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes. There is a substitute motion on the floor. That substitute motion is quite legal and legitimate. There is nothing the Chair can do but to carry it, right?

MR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, you can rule the substitute motion out of order. That is what I am speaking about. It is out of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The previous question has been moved --

MR. JACKSON: I am saying the substitute motion is out of order.

MS. CORN: It is not out of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Please, please. The Chair rule Delegate Jackson, that that motion is not out of order. The previous question has been called. All in favor of cutting off debate --

MR. COOPER: Point of order.

MS. CORN: Point of order. Two are allowed to speak for, and two are allowed to speak against, if they wish. I wish to speak for.

MS. JONES: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of order.

MS. JONES: There is another problem that we have about the voting that I didn't realize until it was brought to my attention, and that is that Mr. Love also voted three times. And what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. So if I put Long in question, I can put him in question, too, but I still question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There is a substitute motion on the floor.

Let me have discussion for the substitute motion.
The substitute motion is that we begin the process again.

For?

MR. B. MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak
in favor of the substitute motion --

MR. COOPER: Point of order, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of order.

MR. COOPER: Mr. Chairman, our rules clearly say
insofar as possible, you should alternate delegates speaking
for and against the motion. I wish to speak against the
motion. You have just had a delegate speak for the motion.
It would be out of order for another delegate to speak for
it until I am recognized.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Cooper, he has already
been recognized. The Chair apologizes for that oversight.
He may finish, and then against may speak.

Delegate Moore, please, you have the floor.

MR. B. MOORE: I would like to speak in favor of
the substitute motion, because I feel that there is an element
of confusion, and I feel that there may be some resentment on
the part of even possibly one delegate as to the procedures
of how we conducted the elections of the committees. And I
think we should eliminate any sense of undemocratic procedure,

any sense of unfairness, and the best and simplest and most direct way to do it to the satisfaction of everyone is to have every, single committee go back and caucus, at a time when you can have a majority, or every member there, and to revoice for your chairperson. That will eliminate all question and all doubt. I urge my fellow delegates to vote in favor of that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Cooper, against.

MR. COOPER: Mr. President, I would like to speak against the Delegate's motion merely because we really can't go back and elect a chair, because we don't know who is on the committee -- unless we are going to have all of the delegations go back and caucus again, that is the only way we can determine first of all who is on the committee, so that we can take some kind of action on the substitute motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: For, Delegate Corn.

MS. CORN: I rise to speak now. I have kept quiet for an hour and a half of this lengthy and ridiculous debate. This has been taking an hour and a half of the Convention's time.

To simplify matters, so that there is a complete sense of clarity, so there is a complete sense of fairness and democracy, I urge everyone to vote for the substitute

motion. Let's get it over with. I think it is very clear who is on which committee. The list has just been read by the Chair; therefore, there can be no misunderstanding. So let's get on with it. I urge you to vote for the substitute.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Eichorn, for or against.

MS. EICHORN: I am opposed to the motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Please, Delegate Eichorn has the floor.

MS. EICHORN: I am concerned if we are going to hold elections that it be with notice. If we are talking about breaking up today and reelecting the chairs, then I would have some concern about that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We have had two for and two against. Unless you want to withdraw your motion, we are going to vote. We are going to vote.

MS. CORN: I move the previous question.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. Let's expedite it. Those in favor of the substitute motion of Brian Moore, please signify by raising your hands. Brian Moore's motion is that we reinstitute the voting process, we begin all over. He didn't say when, right?

MR. B. BOYD: Mr. Chairman, there is some question

about my motion with regard to a time frame. And the intent of my motion was, but I did not explain it, was that it be done - at an appropriate time. I am more than willing to accept Representative Eichorn's suggestion that it be done with proper notice.

MR. CROFT: Point of order.

Brian Moore did not specify a time.

MR. B. MOORE: That is right.

MR. CROFT: Let me make a point of order. Though he didn't specify a time, the question has been called. We are now voting. You cannot now go back and specify a time. We are at the point of vote, and therefore, your motion stands with no time.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Can we vote on the motion as stated? Those in favor of the substitute motion to vote again, signify by raising your hands.

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those abstaining?

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion loses.

Delegate Croft's amendment is now on the floor.

MR. SCHRAG: Point of inquiry.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Schrag?

MR. SCHRAG: If the Croft amendment is approved, when is the Legislative Committee supposed to do its now business, and what is it supposed to do? Is it supposed to vote again, or is it supposed to pass a motion, approving what it did before, and what do we do about absentees, because I notice that some members of that Committee have left, particularly its Chair.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: In answer to your question, none of them stated in his question that the Chair would have to deal with that. The motion is that we accept the decisions as indicated by the report that I made with the exception of the Legislative Committee. What you do about that will have to be handled with other motions, right?

That amendment is on the floor. All those in favor of the motion by Delegate Croft, signify by raising your hands.

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed to the amendment by Delegate Croft?

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let us ask if you are going to be

standing at the door, step inside, so that your hands can clearly be seen and we know that you are voting.

Okay. Those abstaining?

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion loses, 13 to 14 to 2.

The motion that is now on the floor is the original motion -- was that an original motion, Delegate Coates, or was that an amendment?

That was the main motion, Delegate Coates' motion, and that is that we accept the decisions as reported to this Convention regarding committee membership and committee chairs and that we also establish -- what did you say regarding the finality of this -- as of now?

MR. COATES: Yes, sir, as of February 27, 1982.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. And the second part is --

MR. COATES: At the time the motion is adopted.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That that decision be final and irreversible. Is that motion clear now?

There in favor of Delegate Coates' motion --

MR. COOPER: I don't remember that language in the original motion, Mr. President. There is no language about final and irreversible.

PRESIDENT COATES: Delegate Secretary, I would ask

For some civility in your tone. It has been noted before. The Chair is now aware of it, and I would suggest that it would calm things down if there were a little more civility.

MR. COATES: Mr. Chairman, this regards the substantive committees.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, which is all we have been talking about.

Okay. Those in favor of the main motion be Delegate Coates, signify by raising your hands.

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstaining?

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion carries 25 to 3 to 1 abstention.

Yes, Delegate Love?

MR. LOVE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to apologize to the delegates for about the last two to two and a half hours. I guess I was one of the people whose switches led to this long and lengthy and somewhat bitter discussion. The decisions I had made were purely personal, and they were not political, and if I had known that I was going to create so

much havoc, I probably would not have done it, and I would like to apologize for creating so much trouble. I hope that those people who got involved in this discussion will accept the apology.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Cooper?

MR. COOPER: Mr. President, I would like to inform the Chair, I wish to switch a committee at this point and I would like to caucus with the rest of my Ward 4 members so that we can resolve this.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. You would understand, then, that the motion that was just carried --

MS. MASON: I did not hear the delegate.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Delegate has indicated he would like to switch a committee at this point. It would seem to me that the motion that was just carried would make that out of order.

I am now prepared to read to you the people who have volunteered for the Committee on Rules and Calendar and the Committee on Style and Drafting. Our rules indicate that membership on these two committees are open until seven days after the President calls the Convention to order.

MR. COOPER: No, that is not what it states.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Tell me what it says.

Secretary.

MR. COOPER: It states, "Seven days after the President announces the convening of the first meeting of the substantive committees."

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, read that to me, please, so we can be very clear about it.

MR. COOPER: "Operating Committees." This is in Rule 2.3, Paragraph B. "Delegates may elect to serve on one of the two operating committees by notifying the President of the Convention not more than seven days after the President announces the convening of the first meeting of the committee in question provided they are among the first twenty to apply."

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you, Delegate Cooper. The President has not yet called the first meeting of the Rules or the Style and Drafting Committees.

MR. COOPER: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes?

MR. COOPER: Mr. President, on last Saturday, you announced that there would be a convening of those two committees on Wednesday. Although the convening did not happen, it was announced, which would make today the closing date for resignation on that committee.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Cooper, somehow or other, that seems as though we are arguing. Let us --

MR. COOPER: I was just raising a point of information, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, but if there is any contention, could we reduce that and just make it an informational exchange?

Now, I am going to take issue with what you said, but I want you to understand it is done in a gentlemanly way, to correct what I recall.

MR. COOPER: Right.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I have not indicated that on Wednesday or any other time that the Rules Committee or the Style and Drafting Committee would meet. As a matter of fact, somebody said that they would meet, and what I did was to correct the fact that there was no committee yet. Somebody has called to my attention that these committee positions are open, and they remain open, as you have indicated; up to twenty, until such time, as you have indicated, the first meeting is announced.

Some delegates believe that it had been called, but the Chair did not, the Chair did not. And I do not know that it is worth arguing on it. I am trying to get through this

agenda.

MR. COOPER: Well, Mr. President, I will participate in this exchange, and if you look at the minutes of February 20th, which were adopted earlier this meeting, you will see where that motion carried. It was a motion made by Mr. Long that those meetings actually be on Wednesday, and it was announced by you on last Saturday.

PRESIDENT COOPER: No, it was not.

MR. COOPER: Yes, it was.

PRESIDENT COOPER: No, it was not.

MR. COOPER: Yes, it was, and it is in the minutes that we adopted today.

PRESIDENT COOPER: Delegate Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: Point of clarification. I simply would like to submit that while Delegate Cooper has done an excellent job of keeping us quite abreast of every aspect of all of the minutes, and that I have questioned none, when you sit and draft them and redraft them, you do know them. However, I appeal to you, Delegate Cooper, that a committee is called and announced by the Chair when the Chair says he has called it, and I would hope that we could respect that prerogative and move with some dispatch here.

MR. COOPER: I do respect it, but I also do respect

my own recollection of the actions --

MS. SIMMONS: No one questions your accuracy or your actions. I am making an appeal, that is all.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you. I just wanted to indicate the people who have signed up for these two committees now, and I would say also that these are still open until such time as there are 20 people, and there are not 20 people on each of these.

On Rules and Calendar, the people who have signed up are Wesley Long, Maurice Jackson, Charlotte Holmes, Samuel Robinson, Kenneth Rothschild, Joel Garner, Barbara McGuire, Dave Clark, Anita Shelton, Teresa Jones, Jerry Warren, William Blount. That is 12 people who have volunteered for that one.

Yes?

MS. CORN: If 20 people don't sign up, are those committees going to remain open ad infinitum?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, until seven days after I make that announcement of the first meeting.

Okay. Now, the Committee on Style and Drafting, these are the people who have signed up: Michael Marcus, Barbara Simmons, Franklin Kameny, Phillip Schrag, Charles Aaron, James Coates, Robert Love, Mildred Lockman.

Gloria Corn, Brian Moore, Courts Oulahan, Jeannette Feely, Hilda Haxon, Gwen Paramore, and Victoria Street.

On Style and Drafting, there is one more, Jeannette Feely.

MS. FREEMAN: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MS. FREEMAN: I understand that no member of the Executive Committee can serve on the operating committees, and Victoria Street has signed up for that committee.

MR. COOPER: No officer can serve on either of those two committees. That is the last sentence of 2.3, Paragraph B.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. It has been pointed out that according to the rules, Rule 2.3 B, "An Officer of the Convention may not serve on either of these two committees, Rules and Calendar and Style and Drafting," which means that Victoria Street would not be qualified to serve on Style and Drafting, as she has indicated.

Let's see if there are any other officers on either one of these. Teresa Jones is signed up for Rules and Calendar. She would not be eligible.

I guess that is all. So there are two more positions on Style and Drafting and nine more positions on Rules and

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schedule, each week, and the only time that is left with no meetings is Friday and Sunday.

Yes, Delegate Bount?

MR. BOUNT: I was just going to say, in answer to the question about the number of delegates on the Rules Committee, I would resign in favor of --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Neither of these are filled.

MR. KAMENY: We are nowhere near 20 on either one.

MS. SIMMONS: Point of clarification, Mr. Chairman.

I think the delegates need not to assume that there will be 20 members, because one does not have to request to be on either of these committees. We may end up with anything less than 20, depending on the disposition of the body.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'd like to now indicate the persons whom I have asked to serve as chairs of the Rules and Calendar Committee and the Style and Drafting Committee.

The Rules and Calendar Committee, Samuel Robinson, Ward 5; Style and Drafting Committee, Gloria Corn, Ward 3. We now have also an ad hoc committee on Public Information and Media. I am asking Barbara Simmons to chair that Committee, and I am asking Talmadge Moore, Brian Moore, Norman Nixon, Gloria Corn, William Cooper, and Sandra Johnson to serve on that Committee.

Calendar -- there are four more positions. Some of them have been crossed out.

Delegates Marcus, and then Thomas.

MR. MARCUS: Would you mind just repeating the names on Style and Drafting one more time?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: On Style and Drafting, Michael Marcus, Barbara Simmons, Franklin Kameny, Phillip Schrag, Charles Mason, James Coates, Robert Love, Mildred Lockridge, Gloria Corn, Brian Moore, Courts Oulahan, Jeannette Feely, Hilda Mason, Gwen Paramore. That's it.

There are five vacancies yet on that Committee. I will put this sheet over here, for anybody else who would like to sign up for that?

Delegate Thomas?

MR. THOMAS: I would like to sign up for Rules.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. Now, that is open for seven days after the President calls for the first meeting of that. Now, I am going to make proposals regarding the committee meetings as the next order of business, and you will see that there is very little time left in the week for additional meetings of ad hoc committees or the operating committees. So, be fully aware that each of us has two committees which will meet twice, if you accept this proposed

Let me say, I am aware of the fact that there might be a ward distribution on these, also. It is very difficult to get all the wards represented, but I am trying to do that. I think that between the ad hoc committees, each of the wards is represented. If not, I am willing to, if people have some very strong feelings, to reconsider, but I remind us now that we have got seven people on this Public Information and Media Committee; each of those persons has at least four meetings to make per week. And that is just on the substantive committees, and then those of you who are on the Rules Committee and on the Style Committee, that leaves you only two days left in the week to meet, and that is Friday and Sunday. So I would hope that we do not get ourselves several very large committees, with commitments that will be difficult to make.

Delegate Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: I have a question, Mr. President.

How many people -- I am aware that you passed around a sheet for those who wanted to join the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Information and Media -- how many of the delegates actually signed upon that sheet?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: About 14.

MR. MARCUS: About 14. Well, if 14 delegates are in